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January 28, 1966

Mr. Jodie Boren
Fidelity Enterprises
P.O. Box 1739
Abilene, Texas 79604

Dear Jodie:

I will be happy to preach for the congregation in Big Spring after our move to Abilene. Right now the date is completely indeterminate. That means that we should decide on a Sunday in November or December, 1966.

I can appreciate the problems you set forth in your letter. This is a universal situation, but I am convinced that preaching like I know you are doing will make a difference over the long run. I also would strongly suggest that you use the handful of dedicated people there as a lever on others in the congregation who could be moved. God bless you in your work with these people.

Faternally yours,

John Allen Chalk

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January 25, 1966

Mr. John Allen Chalk
P. O. Box 574
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear John Allen:

Br-r-r but it's a cold day here in Abilene. We've had just one week of winter weather and already I'm wishing it were summer.

For about a year now I have been going each Sunday to the Carl Street congregation in Big Spring, Texas, and have really enjoyed it. The people have been wonderful to me and the experience most valuable. The congregation is small, with no elders and having an average of about 75 in attendance for the morning service. The people are very friendly and are some of the finest folk you'll meet anywhere. However, despite the tremendous lessons I bring them every Sunday--hrumph--they are pretty much like the church as a whole when it come to working for the Lord. Most of them are just "playing church"--even after having seen the Mid McKnight films on personal work. There are three or four families that are really dedicated. These families are capable, willing and eager but most of the others, while faithful in attendance and etc., do so little personal work that you might as well say they do none. I believe, however, that you could say that all of them have a love for the Lord--to the extent that is of their understanding of the scriptures. Because of this, I further believe that with your powers of persuasion, knowledge, love and devotion you could give them the shot in the arm that they need so badly. Now, I know of the great demands being made on your time and how busy you'll be when you come to Abilene, but I feel I know you well enough to know that if possible you'll answer the call.

Will you have any Sundays free when you move to Abilene for such appointments as this? They would like to have you several times but certainly they want you for one big Sunday if you can possibly see your way clear. It's 105 miles to Big Spring and they would pay you at least \$50--maybe \$100. I know that's not much, but several came to Highland during your meeting and

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thought you were truly great (man, for several Sundays after that it was really rough on me going down there--ha) and it would mean so much to them if you could. I really feel that a couple of good lessons from you could well be what they need to start them on their way to great things.

John, forgive me for taking up so much of your time and sort of rambling on, but I wouldn't write you if I didn't feel it important. When are you coming to Abilene? Will you have time to come to Big Spring and if so, could you give me a date so we can make big plans for the occasion? This is what I need to know. May I hear from you before too long? Thanks so much.

In Christian love,



Jodie (Rembrandt) Boren